

## FARMERS JOIN STATE FIGHT FOR BETTER MISSOURI ROADS

### Resolutions Ask That Commonwealth Take Advantage of Federal Aid Law.

Resolved, That the good roads section of the 1917 Farmers' Week program at the University of Missouri, Columbia, representing all sections of the state, respectfully petition the Forty Ninth General Assembly as follows:

That they enact suitable legislation to enable the state to take advantage of the recently enacted Federal Aid Road Law;

That provision be made by suitable legislation to insure the proper and continuous maintenance of all state roads.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the farmers of Missouri, who attended the good roads meetings of the annual Farmers' Week recently held at Columbia.

The Federal law in regard to roads was explained by Dean E. J. McCaustland of the School of Engineering of the University of Missouri. The share which Missouri will receive from the new act, which appropriates \$75,000,000 to be apportioned to the various states within five consecutive years for road work, is \$2,500,000.

"The law also provides," Dean McCaustland said, "that the state must have an efficient state highway commissioner before it can get the benefit of this fund. Missouri is not in condition to take advantage of this opportunity now, but a bill will be introduced in this Assembly to raise the standard of the department. It provides for a commission of four men, two from each of the two leading political parties, which will appoint a highway engineer and two deputies. A road map is now being prepared providing for the improvement of between 3,000 and 4,000 miles of road within the five years in which the state is to receive federal aid."

## BEES HELP FRUIT GROWERS

Did you have a full apple crop last year? Failure of some varieties of apples may be due to lack of pollinators. T. J. Talbert, of the College of Agriculture, told Farmers' Week visitors at the University of Missouri recently how bees helped to make a fruit crop.

Many varieties of apples like Arkansas Black, Jonathan and York Imperial are self sterile and cross pollination is absolutely essential if a set of fruit is obtained. Other varieties like Ben Davis, Yellow Transparent and Willow Twig are only partly self-fertile and again cross-pollination is necessary.

The numerous white showy flower clusters act as a guide to the insects and may attract them far away. When a bee alights on a flower its hairy body may be covered with pollen from another variety of apple. As the bee works its way down to the bottom of the flower to get the nectar it rubs its dusty body against the stigma or female organ of the flower and cross-pollination is accomplished.

It is a well known fact among the best fruit growers that the weather conditions during fruit bloom has much to do with the setting of the fruit. If weather is clear and warm at blooming time the bees are active and cross-pollination proceeds rapidly, while if the weather conditions are wet, cloudy and cold the insects are not active and usually a poor set of fruit is secured. Strong cold winds may often prevent the bees from cross-pollinating one side of the apple trees and this may account for the set of fruit on only one side of the trees.

Actual counts and observations at blooming time have shown that the honey bee is decidedly the most important insect in the work of pollinating the fruit flowers. Many counts have shown that from seventy-five to ninety per cent of the insects pollinating the blossoms were honey bees. The wind cannot be relied upon as an agency to transfer pollen from apple tree to apple tree throughout the orchard. This work must be accomplished by insects, and the honey bee is by odds the most important of them all.

Bees will pay for their keep in honey, aside from their services in fruit production.

## SUBSTITUTES FOR LEATHER

New York, Jan. 17.—To cut the cost of shoes, the use of proved substitutes for leather is recommended in a report adopted by the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' association now in session. Rubber and fiber soles and a new paper composition for uppers are among the substitutes said to be attracting most attention from manufacturers. Efforts are also being made to popularize colored cloth tops, which likewise will effect a saving of leather.

Wm. Houston, of Cassville, sheriff of Barry county, was in town on business, Friday, and added his name to the subscription list of the Daily Times.

## WALNUT GROVE LYCEUM LEAGUE

A fairly good attendance was called to order by Mr. Will Malan, who acted as president, as both the president and vice president were absent.

Following is the report of a special committee which was adopted unanimously:

Whereas, Divine Providence has seen fit to remove from this life our friend and fellow citizen, Mr. D. A. Peters, who has always shown marked interest in the uplifting and advancement of the rural communities and,

Whereas, As editor of the Monett Times he gladly aided and assisted us by giving his moral and editorial support to our society, and,

Whereas, His aid in so doing has been instrumental in propagating a great deal of community rural interest in our aim and object, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Walnut Grove Lyceum League, in regular meeting, bow in humble submission to the Divine Will and tender the immediate family our sympathy and sincere regrets and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our meeting and a copy sent to the family.

MRS. G. M. WITHERS

MR. GEORGE MERMOUD

MISS VIOLET DEJERSEY

Committee.

Mrs. Bertha Miller gave a reading which was much appreciated, followed by Current Events by our editor, Mrs. Ida Banks who wishes assistant editors, to aid her, which will be done.

The debate was very interesting and showed preparation. The judges, Fred Miller, Geo. Mermoud and John Banks, decided from points brought to light that the orator has greater influence than the author.

Following is the program for next Wednesday, the 24th inst.

Reading, Miss Daisy Carney.

Recitation, Don Withers.

Duet, C. Stringer, Will Malan.

Recitation, Henry Arnaud.

Recitation, Miss Alice Planchon.

The question for debate will be:

Resolved, that young men fifty years ago had better opportunity than they have today.

Affirmative, Brit Carlin, Alfred Cuenet, Violet DeJersy.

Negative, Will Malan, Bertha Miller, Fred Miller.

The Lyceum League is certainly fulfilling its aim and object. Every program as a whole has been very interesting and educative and a good deal of good is derived from our weekly meetings. Everybody invited.

## FEARING ROBBERY, NEOSHO BANKS ORDER APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED BY TELEPHONE

Neosho, Mo., Jan. 18.—Hereafter, when you desire to get into a bank here after closing hours, you'll have to telephone to officials and have them meet you at the door. The Bank of Neosho, the First National, Neosho Savings and Newton County banks today decided to keep the doors locked, even when the curtains are up. They fear a raid by bank robbers.

They issued this statement: "We feel it is placing an extra risk on the insurance companies to leave our doors unlocked when the curtains are drawn, so in the future our doors will be locked when the curtains are up."

"In case any customer should desire to transact business after hours, please telephone and we will meet him at the door."

## WILLIAM ALLCOCK DEAD

William Allcock, the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allcock, died at their home at 310 Pearl street, at 11:00 o'clock Thursday morning of tuberculosis.

He is survived by his mother, father, three sisters and two brothers who are Mrs. Cecil Medlin, Mrs. Laura Long, Lawrence Allcock of Monett, Albert Allcock of Webb City, and Mrs. Columbus Roark who lives in Texas.

Funeral services will be held at the house Saturday morning and interment will be made in Calton cemetery east of Monett.

## SOUTH MONETT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Troutman, Will Etter and Miss Bernice Watson, of Caldwell, Kan., are visiting the family of Geo. Schaffnit. They made the trip overland in their car.

Mrs. Lance is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Moudy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williams and children, Violet and Juanita, have returned from a visit with relatives at Tulsa.

Albert Allcock of Webb City, is visiting relatives here.

Robt. Moudy has been critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Medlin visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moudy, Sunday.

Byron Kennedy went to Oklahoma, Monday, to stay a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Woolford spent Sunday with relatives in Peirce City.

## STILL HAMPERED BY SCARCITY OF WATER

### Recent Rainfall Has Been Inadequate To Relieve Situation Along Frisco Lines.

The water situation on the Frisco is about the same as in the past few months, according to C. P. Lloyd, superintendent of water service. Failing water supply at several points has necessitated water trains which haul the water from locations of supply.

This service was adopted about four weeks ago and has not been discontinued. Some rain has fallen during that period, but not in sufficient quantities to swell the streams to the point where they can supply a steady quantity.

At present the water trains are operating at Fort Scott, Afton and Sapulpa. The supply for Fort Scott is obtained from the Marie Des Cygnes river at Boicourt, twenty miles from Fort Scott. The Marmaton river, which formerly was the source of supply, has fallen to a depth where it is useless for supply purposes.

At Afton and Sapulpa, the water trains are operated from nearby rivers. M. Lloyd said that heavy rains in these districts would result in a sufficient supply of water, resulting in the discontinuance of the trains.—Springfield Leader.

## FRANCIS B. SPILMAN

Francis B. Spilman was born in Lawrence County, Missouri, July 19, 1854. While yet a mere child he expressed a strong desire to be a Christian and was converted at the age of seventeen and united with the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church 45 years ago, and with the exception of a few years while he was engaged in the mercantile business at Mt. Vernon, he moved his membership to the Baptist church at that place, but on his return to the farm he again placed his membership in the Mt. Olivet church of which body he was always an earnest, active and faithful worker.

He was married to Lucinda V. Motley, March 18, 1880, to that union was born two children. The oldest died in infancy, the other is W. E. Spilman, living in Monett. Lucinda Spilman died August 28, 1884.

July 4, 1886, he married Elizabeth Ellen Motley. To this union was born five children, four of whom are still living, Jasper living in Seattle Washington, Vincent, Eddie and Luella living at home.

He was a loving husband, a kind and affectionate father and a faithful brother always helping all through the dark places, loyal to his family, friends and neighbors, lending a helping hand to the needy.

His life is an open book to all, ever pointing upward.

His monument, the five noble children that he has raised, all of whom through his precepts and example have been led to accept Christ as their Savior.

Besides his family he leaves two brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

He departed this life January 12, 1917, aged 62 years 5 months and 24 days.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Olivet Church at 2 p. m., Jan. 13, sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Smith, text Acts 11-24.

Interment in the Mt. Olivet cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic Order.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

The court could have moved along no more smoothly and expeditiously if Judge Henson had had years of experience on the bench. He is receiving the congratulations of everybody for his successful administration. The jury was discharged Tuesday and court is nearing the end.

The following are among the proceedings. Thos. vs. Nola Taylor et al, partition; land ordered sold and proceeds divided.

State Vs. John Russell, petit larceny; trial by jury and fine of \$25.

Geo. W. McCann vs. H. D. Kleinkauf, damages; trial by jury and verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$2,500.

Ora Wilks vs. Receivers Frisco railroad, damages; trial by court and verdict for sum of \$4,525. Mrs. Wilks' husband was killed by lightning while telephoning at Globe on railroad business.

Orville Thorps vs. E. D. Whiteside, note; trial by jury and verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$240.60.

J. R. Bagby et al vs. P. T. Jones action by sureties; trial by court and judgment for plaintiffs in sum of \$361.60.

First at Bank of Peirce City vs. P. C. Packing Co., note; trial by court and verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$5,408.95.—Chieftain.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gilbreath and daughter Marjorie, who have been the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. King departed Friday morning for their home in Appleton City.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

A game of basket ball between the Billings high school and the Monett High school will be played here Friday night. This will be a double header and a good game. Billings has not been defeated so far this season we are informed but we predict they will receive their first defeat on the above date. An admission of 25 cents will be charged to this game.

Our team was defeated last Friday night by Cassville by the close score of 20 to 24. Both teams did some good playing and Cassville team had to put up a hard fight for the game. The Cassville boys are a fine bunch of players and their referee was perfectly square in his decisions.

A double header will be played on Saturday night of this week by the teams here and those of Neosho high school at the latter place. This will be a good game we are sure.

In the game between the first boys' high school team and the alumni, Wednesday night the score was 43 to 28 in favor of the latter. They were too fast for high school boys, although some of them had not played for a long, long time. They were: B. Miller, W. Bradford, R. Counts, J. Patton and U. Riggs. High school was represented by Vaughan, Hobbs, H. Bradford, Geo. Miller and Martin.

Dr. West will talk to the high school on Friday morning at 10:20. Mr. George Dwyer will sing, and Miss Buna Ruggles will give a reading.

Our debaters have inspired a great many of our boys to get into contests of this variety. On Monday of this week about fifteen of the high school boys met and organized a Debating Club. A short constitution was prepared by a member of the faculty, was adopted and the following officers were elected: Alby Anderson, president; Hardy Kemp, secretary; and Kenneth Wright, treasurer. Other members are Paul Matthews, Vincent Wilson, Paul Pennell, Milo Martin, Glen Railroad, LeRoy Coward, Harold Lewis and others whose names I have not at hand. This Club expects to take up some of the simpler historical questions at first and work upon the art of debating.

## SUNSHINE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mrs. L. H. Gabriel very pleasantly entertained the members of Golden Rod Sunshine club and a few friends Thursday afternoon at the Martin hotel.

The long hall and parlor were beautiful, being decorated in the colors of the club, yellow and white. Ferns and lilies were scattered through the hall, parlor and dining room.

Mr. Mattocks, with an Edison phonograph, was stationed near the head of the stairs where he entertained the ladies from 2:30 until 6 o'clock with choice selections.

The afternoon was spent in playing 500, Rook and guessing contest for those who did not play either game.

At 5 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where an elegant two course lunch was served, the tables being beautifully decorated the ladies looked their best and the affair was a very pleasing sight.

Mrs. S. C. Poy won the prize for the best score in 500—a cut glass napkin and Mrs. S. C. Horn in the guessing contest received the same award.

A potted flower was given to Mrs. Callaway and Mrs. Guinney for best score in Rook.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Boyd Miller, Aurora, president of Seventh District Federated Clubs; Mrs. N. N. Hoover, Peirce City; Mrs. Amos Gurley and Mrs. Fate Fly, of Purdy, and Mrs. Milton Timmings, of Parsons, Kan.

The home guests were Mesdames Ward Day, Alvin Cox and Walter Perry.

Club members present were Mesdames John Walsh, James Mansfield, W. T. Dailey, George Miller, Thos. Markwell, A. M. Trimble, S. C. Dow, Dan Guinney, J. M. Clayton, B. P. McCaslin, S. A. Chapell, J. J. Davis, F. T. Watson, W. J. Fleming, R. M. Callaway, Julia Freeland, J. M. Russell, Claud White, M. C. Goodwin, L. H. Gabriel, Alice Gerhard, W. H. Such, S. C. Horn, George J. C. Wilhelm, C. W. Johnston, Mary Wightman, C. H. Ring, A. Cole and Miss Pauline Gabriel.

## P. E. O. CLUB

The P. E. O. Club met with Mrs. F. P. Sizer at Callamara, Thursday afternoon. On account of several members being ill the attendance was not as good as usual but they had a splendid meeting. The subject for study was The Life of Julius Caesar, and Mrs. Solon Wright was the leader.

After the study hour refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Those present were: Mrs. Solon Wright, Mrs. H. H. Westhay, Mrs. Edwin Johnson and Mrs. Horace Gardner.

A 10-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, Wednesday.

## BELIEVE BAND OF BANK ROBBERS IS BROKEN BY POSSE

### Encounter Near Okmulgee, Okla., Yesterday Resulted In Death of Three, Two of Whom Recently Escaped From Jail

Okmulgee, Okla., Jan. 19.—Extermination of one of the most daring robber bands in Oklahoma was believed accomplished here tonight. With the killing near here today of three alleged outlaws by members of a posse, led by county authorities, and the killing of one and capture of another yesterday it is believed that the backbone of at least one band that has operated in this section for some time has been broken.

The men killed today, all shot through the head, were Oscar Poe and Will and Harry Hart, twin brothers. More than \$5,000 of the loot obtained from Oklahoma banks has been recovered. Poe and Will Hart were arrested recently and charged with robbery of a bank at Centralia, but escaped from jail while awaiting trial. E. of them with the other Hart are believed to have been members of the band which fought off a posse recently near Nowata, after robbery of the Alluwe, Okla., State bank.

Today's encounter was the most successful from the county authorities' point of view of a series of six since the first of the year with alleged bank robbers. In them four alleged outlaws have been killed, one wounded and taken prisoner and three members of various posses killed.

## ARNHART

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

Making posts and ties is the occupation of some of our men.

Harry Dinkins is improving after a spell of fever.

Ralph Bennett is up again after a long attack of fever.

Jim Roller's children have the mumps.

Misses Anna Marbut and Mary Roller visited Mrs. Sarah Marbut Sunday.

Those who visited Mabel Marbut Saturday evening were Misses Opal Cramer, Frank Lowrey and Omer Shepherd.

Bruce Lowe and Norman Truit attended prayer meeting at Arnhart, Sunday night.

Miss Dessie Russell is staying at Monett.

Miss Eula Marbut visited Ruth Russell, Sunday evening.

Misses Opal Cramer and Mabel Marbut visited Mrs. Tennie Roller Friday evening of last week.

Hershel Marbut has moved on the Marion Roller place.

Jim Roller has been working on his new road.

## GREENHILL

Sunday school was well attended at Macedonia, Sunday.

There was no prayer meeting at Macedonia Wednesday night on account of the bad weather.

Jack Roden of Stones Prairie, visited at the home of Oscar Jackson, Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Henderson of near Purdy, an eight pound boy, Tuesday, January 16.

Evin Davis visited at Asberry Davis' Wednesday afternoon.

Well, I don't believe the Big Chance mines are much on the boom at present. I guess they have got snowed under.

Those who visited at Asberry Davis', Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Virge Hadley and children Jewell, Clifford, Jimmy and Clarence Roller.

Miss Alfdena Lee visited her sister Mrs. Sanford Davis Tuesday.

Mrs. Lura Marshall headed off the hounds and shot and killed five jack rabbits the other day.

We were sure sorry to hear of the death of the editor. The bereaved have our sympathy.

Oscar Jackson sold a mare to Jack Roden Tuesday.

Asberry Davis and son Sanford, made a business trip to Jarvie Goodnight's Tuesday.

Louis Carlisle of near Needmore, is very ill at this writing.

Winford and Opal Davis have just recovered from the mumps.

Miss Myrtle McCracken of Flatwoods, who has been staying with Uncle T. P. Davis of near Purdy, has returned home.

"Dad" Baber of Needmore took a load of wood to Charlie Crowell, Wednesday.

Clyde Northcut who was recently teaching school at Mt. Grove has turned the school over to Prof. Oscar Jackson.

Uncle Dan Lasley attended Sunday school at this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis and children Oletta, Lucile and Doyle, visited at the home of Bert Smith and family Sunday.

Asberry Davis worked for Eph Davis Wednesday.

Sunday is our regular meeting day at Macedonia. Rev. Whitehead will preach. Everyone is cordially invited.

## BILLINGS BASKETERS BEAT MONETT

The Billings basket ball teams beat both the local teams last night. They had a good margin over the girls but the boys' game was hotly contested by the local team, the final score as announced by the referee being 29 to 27. Many onlookers felt, however, that one field goal was counted in one instance for Billings after the referee's whistle had blown thereby giving them two points that should not have been counted.

On behalf of the high school faculty we wish to thank the people of Monett for the liberal support which they gave us last night. We had a twenty-five dollar house. This is what it takes to make the boys and girls play well. Some of our boys who went out to sell tickets yesterday found some who said, "What's the use to buy a ticket, you'll get beat." Now, if everybody was like YOU who said that, of course we will always get beat. Such a demonstration of loyalty will beat anything in any community. Everyone who witnessed the game last night knows that the teams here played like tigers and everyone of them added a star to his crown. After such desperate efforts as they made no one should scowl at them if they lose and say you played the devil, but should say you played basket ball old man. They are your boys and girls and our students and from our standpoint of possession, win or lose, they are still our students and we are for them yesterday, today, and forever.

If you take time to consider the history of the present teams you will certainly give them due credit. They did not secure a place to play till late and then only when two members of the faculty gave their personal note to rent the hall. They had no coach till the affable Mr. Dan Meador volunteered his services, and we say right here that he has certainly trained them down to many of the legitimate tricks of the game in the three weeks' practice they have had. Mr. Meador knows the game and we challenge anyone to point out a team that plays so well with so little time as they have had to train since securing the hall. So we ask you to throw away your hammer if you carry one. Be a booster or don't be at all.

We hear of some one occasionally, who uses their hammer on the school in the same way. They say their boy or girl is being mistreated by all the teachers, that none of the teachers will give them a good grade when the facts are that when some such people are complaining their boy is playing truant from school. We believe you ought to boost for school and for your athletics. There are young people on our teams who are in nearly every instance our best students. They usually submit quietly to the requirement of the faculty and is almost always the case these big strong fellows or girls who submit alike quietly to authority on the athletic field and court as well as to authority in school represent the true type of manhood and womanhood. If they get beat we must not forget that, "Success lies not in never failing, but in never failing to rise every time you fall."

We play at Neosho tonight and the lineup will be practically the same as last night with the exception of Hobbs at center, whose place will be filled by Coward, Bradford and Miller forwards, and Martin and Vaughan guards, with Wright and Westbay substitutes.

## TELEPHONE SOCIETY HAS SESSION IN SPRINGFIELD

The regular monthly meeting of the Southwestern Bell Telephone society formerly the Missouri and Kansas Telephone society, was held Friday night in the McDaniel hall, at Springfield. More than 125 of the company employees from other cities in the southern division were present.

R. G. Porter, district superintendent presided as chairman. A. B. Green of Kansas City, manager of service inspection, made the principal address of the evening and a musical program followed.

Chief operators were present from Neosho, Aurora, Peirce City, Lamar, Monett and Nevada. Those attending from Monett were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Huffman, Mrs. Earl Augur, Mrs. Chas. LeFurjah, Mrs. Hubert Roberts, Miss Hattie Hoffman, Loren Graber and Henry Holmes.

## CHANGE IN DAIRY BUSINESS

T. J. Molehan has sold Overlook Dairy to Allen Black and will leave the first of February for Carthage, where he and his family will make their home. He will continue to manage the business until he leaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Black are here and are learning the business and will continue the same excellent service given by Mr. Molehan.

The Molehans have made many friends during their residence at Monett.